

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Environmental Assessment****Remediation of Sites with Contaminated Media
(LAC 33:V.109.Hazardous Waste Definition) (HW084E6)**

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B), which allows the Department of Environmental Quality to use emergency procedures to establish rules, and under the authority of R.S. 30:2011, the secretary of the department hereby declares that an emergency action is necessary in order to implement rules to address the remediation of sites with contaminated environmental media.

This is a renewal of Emergency Rule HW084E5, which was effective April 1, 2005, and published in the *Louisiana Register* on April 20, 2005. The department is drafting a rule to promulgate these regulation changes.

Current regulation causes contaminated environmental media to retain the description of having RCRA-listed waste “contained-in,” therefore slowing the remediation of the site or possibly halting it completely due to administration and disposal issues. This rule will remove a regulatory hurdle that deters site remediation. The incentive to remediate pollution stems from the resulting substantially reduced disposal and transportation costs for contaminated environmental media that are not required to be managed in the same manner as hazardous waste. Language has been added to further define the management of contaminated media as nonhazardous. The rule will also result in simplification of the waste handling process by reducing administrative requirements and providing greater consistency with non-RCRA waste handling requirements and practices. This will provide strong motivation to initiate and accelerate voluntary remediation of contaminated sites without increasing risks to human health or the environment. Any person claiming this exclusion shall have records supporting the exclusion.

This Emergency Rule is effective on July 30, 2005, and shall remain in effect for a maximum of 120 days or until a final rule is promulgated, whichever occurs first. For more information concerning HW084E6 you may contact the Regulation Development Section at (225) 219-3550.

This Emergency Rule is available on the Internet at www.deq.louisiana.gov under Rules and Regulations, and is available for inspection at the following DEQ office locations from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.: 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; 1823 Highway 546, West Monroe, LA 71292; State Office Building, 1525 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71101; 1301 Gadwall Street, Lake Charles, LA 70615; 201 Evans Road,

Building 4, Suite 420, New Orleans, LA 70123; 111 New Center Drive, Lafayette, LA 70508; 110 Barataria Street, Lockport, LA 70374.

Adopted this 27th day of July, 2005.

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Title 33
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Part V. Hazardous Waste and Hazardous Materials
Subpart 1. Department of Environmental Quality—Hazardous Waste
Chapter 1. General Provisions and Definitions

§109. Definitions

For all purposes of these rules and regulations, the terms defined in this Chapter shall have the following meanings, unless the context of use clearly indicates otherwise.

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Hazardous Waste—a solid waste, as defined in this Section, is a hazardous waste if:

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d. it consists of environmental media (soil, sediments, surface water, or groundwater) that contain one or more hazardous wastes listed in LAC 33:V.4901 (unless excluded by one of the exclusions contained in this definition) or that exhibit any of the characteristics of hazardous waste identified in LAC 33:V.4903. Environmental media no longer contain a hazardous waste when concentrations of the hazardous constituents that serve as the basis for the hazardous waste being listed (as shown in LAC 33:V.4901.Table 6, Table of Constituents that Serve as a Basis for Listing Hazardous Waste, or if constituents are not listed in Table 6 refer to LAC 33:V.2299 for appropriate constituents, or if not listed in either of these locations shall be determined by the department on a case-by-case basis) remaining in the media are below applicable RECAP Screening Standards (LAC 33:I.Chapter 13) and the media no longer exhibit any of the characteristics of hazardous waste identified in LAC 33:V.4903. Land disposal treatment standards (LAC 33:V.2299) apply prior to placing such environmental media into a land disposal unit even though the media may no longer contain a hazardous waste. Any person claiming this exclusion shall have records supporting the exclusion.

de. Rebuttable Presumption for Used Oil. Used oil containing more than 1,000 ppm total halogens is presumed to be a hazardous waste because it has been mixed with halogenated hazardous waste listed in LAC 33:V.4901. Persons may rebut this presumption by demonstrating that the used oil does not contain hazardous waste (e.g., by using an analytical method from LAC 33:V.Chapter 49.Appendix A to show that the used oil does not contain significant concentrations of halogenated hazardous constituents listed in LAC 33:V.3105.Table 1).

i. The rebuttable presumption does not apply to metalworking oils/fluids containing chlorinated paraffins, if they are processed, through a tolling agreement, to reclaim metalworking oils/fluids. The presumption does apply to metalworking oils/fluids if such oils/fluids are recycled in any other manner or disposed.

ii. The rebuttable presumption does not apply to used oils contaminated with Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) removed from refrigeration units where the CFCs are destined for reclamation. The rebuttable presumption does apply to used oils contaminated with CFCs that have been mixed with used oil from sources other than refrigeration units.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Solid and Hazardous Waste, Hazardous Waste Division, LR 10:200 (March 1984), amended LR 10:496 (July 1984), LR 11:1139 (December 1985), LR 12:319 (May 1986), LR 13:84 (February 1987), LR 13:433 (August 1987), LR 13:651 (November 1987), LR 14:790, 791 (November 1988), LR 15:378 (May 1989), LR 15:737 (September 1989), LR 16:218 (March 1990), LR 16:220 (March 1990), LR 16:399 (May 1990), LR 16:614 (July 1990), LR 16:683 (August 1990), LR 17:362 (April 1991), LR 17:478 (May 1991), LR 18:723 (July 1992), LR 18:1375 (December 1992), repromulgated by the Office of Solid and Hazardous Waste, Hazardous Waste Division, LR 19:626 (May 1993), amended by the Office of Solid and Hazardous Waste, Hazardous Waste Division, LR 20:1000 (September 1994), LR 20:1109 (October 1994), LR 21:266 (March 1995), LR 21:944 (September 1995), LR 22:814 (September 1996), LR 23:564 (May 1997), amended by the Office of Waste Services, Hazardous Waste Division, LR 24:655 (April 1998), LR 24:1101 (June 1998), LR 24:1688 (September 1998), LR 25:433 (March 1999), repromulgated LR 25:853 (May 1999), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Planning Division, LR 26:269 (February 2000), LR 26:2465 (November 2000), LR 27:291 (March 2001), LR 27:708 (May 2001), LR 28:999 (May 2002), LR 28:1191 (June 2002), LR 29:318 (March 2003), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, LR 31:**.